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The Board of Education, consisting of the Governor, Attorney General, and Superintendent of Public Instruction will meet next Wednesday, in Richmond, to appoint County Superintendents of public schools, taking counties and cities in alphabetical order. The Senate has to confirm the appointments of the Board.

Montana wants to be admitted into the sisterhood of States and to that end a representation from the Territory is in Washington to feel the pulse of Congress on this subject. It is claimed that Montana is Democratic and that her two senatorial votes will therefore offset Republican ones of Dakota in the event she is admitted. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed," and our Democratic friends in Congress will remember the representations made as to Colorado and go slowly in the matter. Had Colorado been Democratic, as she was represented to be at the time of her admission into the Union, Tilden would have been President of the United States.

The House of Representatives has passed the Presidential succession bill in the form it came from the Senate, the President has approved it and that measure is now a law. Now that the long needed legislation has been completed the country will feel relieved. According to the provisions of the law, in case of the death, inability or resignation of both President and Vice-President, the Secretary of State will be first in the line of succession, after him the Secretary of the Treasury, and so on to the end of the Cabinet list. The justice of the law will commend itself to every one. By its provisions the will of the people is not defeated, as the President in any event will be of the same political party as the official he succeeds.

A decision of the Supreme Court of the United States last Monday, will, it is believed, nullify the drummers' taxes in many of the States. The case upon which the court passed arose in Michigan. A drummer in that State was charged with selling licenses in default of payment. An appeal to the higher courts of Michigan was decided adversely to the drummer and then taken to the Supreme Court of the United States. The question in the case was, whether the statute under which the drummer acted was repugnant to the constitution of the United States. The court held, that a discriminating tax imposed by a State operating to the disadvantage of the products of other States when introduced into the first mentioned State is, in effect, a regulation in restraint of commerce among the States, and as such is a usurpation of the power conferred by the constitution upon the Congress of the United States. The court concludes its opinion as follows:

"We think that the act in question operates as a regulation of commerce among the States in a matter within the exclusive power of Congress, and that it is for this reason repugnant to the constitution of the United States and void."

"It has been discovered who got the \$41,000 due Virginia from the distribution of the sale of public lands. One million and five hundred thousand dollars are now due her on the same account. The man who got the \$41,000 referred to is a millionaire. He got it under the Pierpont government during the war, when it was thought that Old Virginia would be wiped out entirely and never be heard of again."

Who was he? Why so much coyness about giving his name? Is it any more honorable to steal thousands of dollars than it is to commit a petty theft, and shall a man, because a millionaire go scot free and the press be dazzled to conceal his crime? Give us his name and if the data furnished us will justify it we will promise to speak "right out in meeting" to the end that the offender may be brought to justice. The old State has been plundered so often by irresponsible parties that it is a cause for congratulation rather than concealment, that we have at last found one, whom we can make feel the power of our accumulated wrath, to some purpose. He (whoever he is) that has made \$41,000 the stepping stone to so colossal a fortune should not be so safely entrenched behind his millions that he cannot be made disgorge it. At least, if his ill gotten gains places him beyond the reach of the State he has plundered, his name should be given, that he can be held up to all time for the execration of all honorable Virginians. Who was he?

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Thousands of partridges, pheasants and doves have perished by the cold, in country around Staunton and extermination is feared.

At the regular monthly terms of the County Court of Prince George, on Friday, 15th inst., Green Mabry (colored) was convicted of illegal voting at the last May election and his punishment fixed at five months in the penitentiary.

Twenty four thousand dollars only were collected by the State of Virginia during the last fiscal year from personal incomes. This indicates that but few of our people have taxable incomes, or there is any amount of lying by those who have them.—Danville Register.

The historical property known as "Jackson's Mills," in Lewis county, W. Va., is advertised to be sold at public auction. This is the place where Stonewall Jackson spent the days of his boyhood with his uncle, Cummings Jackson. He lived there when he was appointed commandant for Lewis county, and that was his home when he left for Washington and obtained his appointment to West Point.

We see that some restless member of the Legislature wants to build a new Capitol at a cost, probably, of half a million dollars. It is our opinion that the present edifice is abundantly good enough for the Legislatures that have occupied it of recent years, and will suffice for another century, if the State continues as straitened in her revenues as at present.—Lynchburg Virginian.

The Richmond Whig, which suspended publication last month, will be reissued in a few days. It will be published by a joint stock company, a charter having been obtained to that end. The officers of the new company will be: President, Thomas Potts; directors, T. W. Pemberton, James B. Pace, George Ross and A. S. Buford, of Richmond; Abner Anderson, of Danville, and A. W. C. Nowlin, of Washington, D. C.

Dr. Thomas W. Keen, member of the House from Danville, dropped dead in his seat in the House last Saturday. The member had just ceased speaking on a bill in relation to the Farmville Normal School, a pet scheme of his. He took his seat and in a few moments fell back in his seat a corpse. Those near him at once realized the situation and sprang to Dr. Keen's side. He was past assistance. The deceased was about sixty years old. His death was caused from rheumatism of the heart.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The House has passed Senate bill incorporating the Chesapeake, Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Company. The projected road proposes to run from some suitable point on the line between the States of Virginia and North Carolina east of where the Roanoke river crosses the State line.

Mr. Fulkerson, of Washington, has introduced a bill in the House to amend chapter 254 of Acts of Assembly of Virginia, session of 1876-77, creating railroad commissioners, &c. It is the old Railroad Commissioners bill substituting three commissioners for one and requiring railroad companies to pay them each \$3,000 per annum. No additional powers are given to the commissioners.

A joint resolution appointing a committee of four on the part of the House and three on the Senate to visit the University of Virginia, to look into the financial affairs of the University and matters pertaining to the development and usefulness of the institution has been adopted by the House.

The House Committee on Schools and Colleges, in response to a resolution agreed to by the House instructing the committee to ascertain and report what appropriation would be necessary to furnish textbooks to the children of the Commonwealth have reported as follows:

In the absence of exact official data the committee can only approximate the amount of appropriation necessary by calculation and comparison of the statistics of other States and communities on this subject. The committee says that the total enrollment of school children for the year was 303,343. The total average cost of a complete outfit of text books for each pupil is estimated to be \$2.70, so that on this basis of calculation the maximum appropriation necessary would be \$810,016.10.

The report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for 1884 shows that 8,674 pupils were supplied with text-books at public expense at a total cost of \$7,199.83, or an average cost of 83 cents per capita. With the same total enrollment of 300,343 the appropriation necessary on this, which must be taken as a minimum basis of calculation, would be \$251,774.69.

The committee, after carefully investigating the subject, think the cost of the text books would be much nearer \$810,016.10 than the minimum, \$251,774.69. This is for one year.

The following Senate bills have been passed: To provide compensation for witnesses regularly summoned before grand juries. To incorporate the Preachers' Home Association of the Episcopal Church South. To punish the forgery of bonds, coupons, and other securities. The bill allowing criminals to testify in their own behalf, was passed by a vote of 19 to 13. A bill has been introduced into the Senate to prohibit the Governor or Directors of the Penitentiary from hiring convict labor to be used in competition with bona fide labor.

Mr. Payne, of Fauquier, has introduced a resolution in the House instructing the Committee on Schools and Colleges to inquire into the expediency of reporting a bill for the establishment of a male normal school in connection with the College of William and Mary. The resolution was referred to the committee.

Mr. Stubbs, of Gloucester, introduced a similar bill in the Senate. The Senate Committee on Finance, through Mr. Koerner, of Augusta, has reported with amendment House bill appropriated \$70,000 to pay the claims allowed disabled soldiers and marines, under act approved February 25th, 1884. The amendment includes soldiers and marines who have had legs resected.

A bill has been introduced into the Senate to prohibit the use of purse nets, pound-nets, traps, or fixed apparatus in the tidal waters of the Commonwealth or in the Chesapeake bay within four miles of the shore, and to prevent fishing in the bay at night and on Sunday.

The House last Thursday made the bill reported by the Finance Committee for a general local option law the special order for next Wednesday.

Corn Forcing Hogs on the Market. CHICAGO, ILL., January 16.—The Times of this morning gives reports from nearly five hundred points as to the crop of corn and hogs in the Northwest and South west. It appears that the yield of corn has been over estimated and its quality ranked too high. Ohio and Indiana farmers have sold more freely than those in other States.—The hog cholera has made its appearance in every part of the corn districts, forcing hogs upon the market much more rapidly than is usual, and it is probable that the receipts at the chief packing points for the remainder of the season will be less than last year.

Decision of Court of Appeals.

The Court of Appeals of Virginia has decided: 1. That the Funding Bill of 1871 did not have the element of a valuable consideration, and that when a proper case came they would hold the contract thereby made with the State, invalid. 2. That coupons cannot be received for verification when tendered in payment of school taxes.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Senator Gorman was Tuesday re-elected by the Maryland Legislature by a vote of 100 to 14.

It is estimated that 10,000 hogs have died in a radius of fifteen miles about Beloit, Wis., during the last few weeks; the disease is said to be measles and not cholera.

The United States Treasury Monday contained \$515,906.192, of which \$252,634.676, was in gold and over \$200,000,000 in silver; \$581,000 in national bank notes was received.

It has been asserted in an authoritative manner, that the hog cholera last year in the West cost the producers \$30,000,000, and in final disposition of the bodies it is said they are sometimes rendered into lard.—Norfolk Ledger.

EX-SENATOR THURMAN, of Ohio, writing to his friend, O. B. Picklin, of Illinois, uses the following language: "You will never be gratified by seeing me in public life again. I am now on the retired list, with my own full consent, and with no inclination whatever for active life except as a private citizen."

Mrs. Anna Maria Greene, the oldest lady in Rhode Island, daughter-in-law of Gen. Nathaniel Greene, of revolutionary fame, and granddaughter of Samuel Ward, colonial governor of Rhode Island in 1762, and from 1765 to 1767, died at her home in Middletown Sunday, aged 102 years 2 months and 9 days.

The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the year ending January 16 was \$195,499. The issue during the corresponding period of last year was \$133,998. The shipment of fractional silver coin since January 1 amounts to \$102,629.

Death of Miss Bayard. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Miss Katherine Lee Bayard, eldest daughter of Secretary Bayard, died suddenly at her father's residence, in this city, yesterday. The immediate cause of death was disease of the heart. She had been troubled with weakness of that organ, and had been treated by the family physician at intervals for several years.

At the reception at her father's house Friday night it was remarked that Miss Bayard was unusually animated, and taxed herself to the utmost to entertain the guests. It is presumed that the undue exertion may have precipitated the fatal attack. The young lady retired about one o'clock, expressing a wish to be left undisturbed till noon. Between one and two o'clock yesterday afternoon a younger sister endeavored to awaken her, and, struck by the peculiar expression of her face, called for assistance. As soon as the family recovered from the consternation into which it had been thrown, physicians were summoned and powerful restoratives, including electricity, were applied, but in vain. The physicians expressed the opinion that Miss Bayard had been dead for several hours when the attempt was made to awaken her.

Captain Wise in Good Spirits.

Hon. John S. Wise, the recently defeated Republican candidate for Governor of this State, was in New York Saturday. The Tribune quotes him as saying, laughingly, but in good earnest, to a group of friends: "I was whipped after sundown. There was no use of squealing. No one has heard me squeal. I am whetting my knife on the sole

of my shoe, and getting ready to stick it into them at my first opportunity. When I am asked for an explanation of my defeat I tell people that it was too much Bourbon fermenting in the ballot boxes, and that my principal occupation is to keep from getting sour mash over it. I did not expect for a week before election but that I would be counted out. There was no help for it. But what broke me all up was the defeat in New York. That was terrible. I had expected to see Davenport surely elected. General Mahone stood by me in my fight with all his force."

A \$20.00 Bible Reward.

The publishers of Rutledge's Monthly offer twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for February, among which is the following: We will give \$20.00 to the person telling us which is the longest verse in the Old Testament Scriptures (not the revised edition), by Feb. 10th, 1886. Should two or more correct answers be received the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner Feb. 15th, 1886. Persons trying for the reward must send 25 cents in silver or postal notes, (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the Monthly for March, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published, and which several more valuable rewards will be offered. Address: RUTLEDGE PUBLISHING COMPANY, Easton, Pa.

Conference of School Superintendents.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 15.—The fourth annual conference of city and county superintendents of public schools will convene on the 20th day of February next. Governor Lee has been invited to deliver the opening address, and Attorney General Ayres has also accepted invitation to address the meeting. Prof. M. A. Newell, of Maryland; Dr. W. H. Ruffner, Hon. John E. Lee, U. S. Commissioner of Education; Gen. S. C. Armstrong; Prof. C. E. Vawter, Prof. F. V. Painter, Prof. T. N. Conrad and other prominent educators will be present. Prof. J. M. Langston, president of the Virginia College Normal and Collegiate Institute will also be present and deliver an address.

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